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Division of Environmental Science and Assessment
Weekly News
July 14, 2016

Potential or Expected Press Stories

Freedom of Information Requests of RA Interest

Travel/Meetings/Speaking Engagements for Division Directors

Upcoming Highlights for the week (please provide a bulleted list)

Upcoming Request for Regional and Program Office Nominations for the Sustainable and Health Communities (SHC) Partner Alliance and Coordination Teams (PACTs)

R2's RSL (Marie O'Shea) and STL (Diana Cutt) were asked to provide comments on the draft memo SHC plans to send to PO AAs and R2/R10 DRAs (co-lead Regions for SHC's Research Program) soliciting members for SHC PACTs. The memo is anticipated to be released soon with nominations sought sometime in August. ORD's PACT concept was first outlined in a March 19 note to the DRAs and AAs from Bob Kavlock, ORD's Deputy Assistant Administrator for Science. The March 19th note indicating that ORD plans *to promote the PACTs as means to advance connections and collaborations between ORD's National Research Programs and ORD's Program and Regional Partners*. Kavlock's note also indicated that while the overarching goal and objective of the PACTs will be generally consistent across research programs, each program will be at a different point in the development process, and the specifics on how each will be implemented may vary across programs. As an example, nominations for the ACE PACTs were sought in June, with technical Regional and PO staff targeted. In contrast, the three SHC PACTs are seeking nominees that are "managers and senior staff" from Program and Regional Partner Offices.

DESA-HWSB/SST is sampling in the Maurice River 7/11 - 7/14.

DESA-HWSB is providing comments to NYSDEC on the Massapequa Water District CSIA forensic sampling report.

MAB News

DESA-MAB participated in a conference call with staff from CWD and ORD to discuss VI and PR biocriteria development. We discussed the status of strategic plans for marine biocriteria in the VI and freshwater biocriteria in PR. A call will be scheduled with PREQB in September to discuss bioassessment implementation issues before steps are taken on the adoption of narrative biological criteria.

DESA-MAB participated in a conference call to discuss recent changes and developments in EPA's Fish Program. Also discussed was the current status of national fish contaminant studies, development of a fish contaminant database, and updated guidance on fish consumption surveys. The EPA Fish Program is run out of OW-OST.

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Potential or Expected Press Stories

- None

Contact from Elected Officials

- None

Freedom of Information Requests of RA Interest

- None

Travel/Meetings/Speaking Engagements for Division Director

- Jeff will attend the Dead Horse Bay field trip on Tuesday afternoon (7/19).

Indian Consultations Requested or Initiated

- None (though see Shinnecock Nation wetland item below)

***Water Words That Work Training:** The Clean Water Division has arranged to have a training session on September 22 on communicating about water issues with the general public. The training, *Water Words That Work*, has been successfully presented in Region 1 and many other areas around the county. The training will emphasize the language to enable staff to become more confident and successful in communicating the work we do to protect and restore our rivers, lakes and oceans. We have engaged other divisions regarding the training as well.

***Triple Value (3V) Nitrogen Systems and Sustainability Model Scoping Project Capstone Stakeholder Meeting:** Region 2 and Office of Research and Development (ORD) 3V project team will convene a capstone stakeholder meeting on July 14 in Yaphank, NY as the culmination of the scoping phase of the project. Approximately thirty stakeholders representing diverse interests and constituencies in Suffolk County will join us for this meeting. The project team will review interim products developed with stakeholder input during the scoping project including a problem statement, a list of indicators and interventions and the conceptual model of the system. The project team will then solicit stakeholder responses and input to these deliverables. The conceptual model will form the basis of the quantitative model to be developed in Phase II (with funding from ORD's Regional Sustainable Environmental Sciences (RESES) program).

***Chesapeake Bay Watershed:** On July 14-15 Region 3 Chesapeake Bay Program Office (CBPO) and Clean Water Division staff and managers will meet with NYSDEC in Albany as well as with the Upper Susquehanna Coalition in Owego, NY. The purpose of these meetings is to share New York specific information on monitoring trends and to get input on critical midpoint assessment concerns, such as developing Phase III guidance and numerical targets, Phase 6 modeling updates, Local Area Targets and how to make up for the lost assimilative capacity of the Conowingo Dam. This is the last of a series of midpoint assessment meetings the CBPO has held with all of the jurisdictions.

***Plum Island Law Suit:** Save the Sound has filed a federal suit against the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the General Services Administration (GSA) regarding the sale of Plum Island. It believes that the sale of Plum Island violates the National Environmental Policy Act and the Endangered Species Act by failing to protect endangered and threatened species. Save the Sound would like to halt the sale of Plum Island in order to allow DHS and GSA to fully consider conserving the resources on the undeveloped portions of the island through a conservation sale or outright protection.

***Long Island Sound Property Acquisitions:** Two properties were recently acquired for conservation purposes. The Land Alliance purchased a 28-acre heavily wooded parcel in the Village of Matinecock. This acquisition was supported by Verena and Roderick H. Cushman, who donated the funds necessary to purchase this highly significant portion of the Beaver Brook watershed. The property will be named Cushman Woods and it provides critical habitat for birds, fox and a variety of other wildlife species. It is filled with old-growth trees, an abundance of native plants and a trail system that was once a popular fox hunting route for the Meadowbrook Hunt. This parcel will be included in New York's 2016 acquisition report under the National Estuary Program reporting system.



Photo: Cushman Woods

acquisition in the Village of Matinecock, CT

The Aspetuck Land Trust of Fairfield County Connecticut closed on a nearly one acre property at 1400 Pequot Avenue in Southport. The parcel was slated for private development, but was acquired by the Land Trust through negotiations with a private developer. Located directly on the marsh across from Southport Beach, the property will be preserved from future development and will be included in EPA's NEPORT reporting system for 2016.

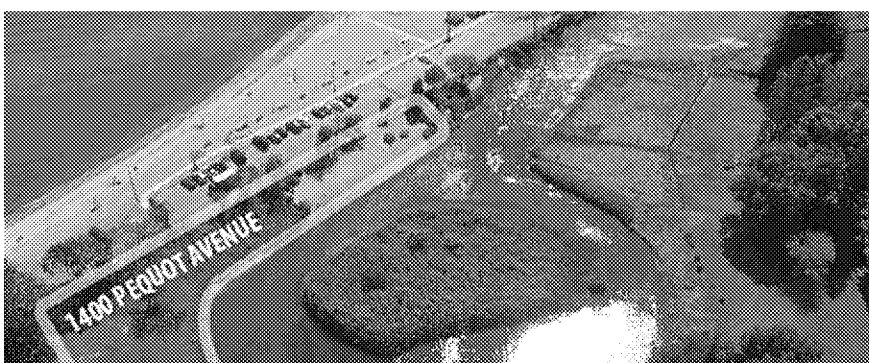


Photo: Property acquired by Aspetuck Land Trust located at 1400 Pequot Ave. in Fairfield, CT.

Final Rule on Long Island Sound Dredged Material Disposal Sites: The EPA issued a Final Rule establishing new restrictions on the use of the Central and Western Long Island Sound Dredged Material Disposal Sites. The Final Rule amends the 2005 site designation rule with new restrictions on the use of the two sites to help meet the goal of reducing or eliminating dredged material disposal in the open waters of Long Island Sound. The Final Rule sets standards and procedures to promote the development and use of practicable alternatives to open-water disposal. The designation of dredged material disposal sites by EPA only makes those sites available for potential use by future dredging projects; it does not actually authorize disposal of any material at the site. Any proposal to place dredged material at either the Central or Western Long Island Sound Dredged Material Disposal Site would still have to obtain a project-specific authorization and satisfy the stringent requirements of the ocean disposal regulations.

***Filtration Avoidance Determination (FAD) Development Process:** CWD will be attending the New York City Public Information Session at Pace University on Wednesday evening 7/20 from 7-9pm. This public information session is part of the NYC Watershed 2017 FAD development process.

***WaterSense:** We are pleased that three additional towns have now joined WaterSense: Livingston, NY; Mansfield, NJ and South Nyack, NY.

Stormwater: On Monday, July 11, Region 2 held a conference call with NYSDEC concerning its upcoming 2017 Renewal MS4 General Permit. NYSDEC expects to public notice its draft 2017 MS4 permit on November 1, 2016. This conference call is one of a series of calls intended to help NYSDEC address EPA's concerns and strengthen the NYSDEC MS4 General Permit prior to public notice. Region 2 staff from the stormwater, trash free waters, TMDLs and Chesapeake Bay programs participated, along with ORC. A follow up meeting has been scheduled for August 4, 2016.

Long Island Sound Dredged Material Disposal - The comment period for the proposed dredged material site designation in eastern Long Island Sound (LIS) has been extended until July 18, 2016. Formal consultation with the Shinnecock Indian Nation has been initiated at its request. We and Region 1 (via conference line) will be meeting with representatives of the Shinnecock Nation on July 14, 2016 to provide information on general dredging/disposal practices in LIS, as well as the proposed site designation in eastern Long Island Sound.

Uniform National Discharge Standards (UNDS) - EPA Headquarters (HQ) is finalizing the UNDS Phase II, Batch 2 proposed rulemaking for discharges incidental to the operations of vessels of the Armed Forces. Batch Two includes standards for eleven discharges. Final Agency Review (FAR) will require all Regions and Offices to submit a memo to Headquarters indicating whether they concur, concur with comment or do not concur with the proposed rulemaking. HQ will initiate the FAR review on/about July 18, 2016; Region 2 (CWD) will have until approximately July 29 to return the memo to HQ. EPA anticipates sending the draft rulemaking to the *Federal Register* in early September for publication.

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Travel/Meetings/Speaking Engagements for Division Directors

- CASD and ERRD will participate in a meeting with ASTSWMO on July 20 in Galloway, NJ.

Other Items:

New York Metropolitan Transportation Council Schedules September Meeting: NYMTC has scheduled a full Council meeting for Wednesday, September 7, at 11:00am at the CUNY Graduate Center. During the meeting, voting member agencies will adopt a new transportation improvement program (TIP, which allocates Federal transportation funds for the next four years) and its accompanying air quality conformity determination. The TIP and conformity determination are currently under public review. EPA is a non-voting member of NYMTC. CASD is available to represent EPA should the RA or DRA not be able to attend.

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Rebuild by Design - Meadowlands, NJ: We participated in a public scoping meeting for the Rebuild by Design - Meadowlands Protection Project. The goal of the meeting was to discuss proposed flood risk reduction measures in the boroughs of Little Ferry, Moonachie, Carlstadt, and the Township of South Hackensack, Bergen County, NJ. The meeting included a presentation, a question and answer session, and a poster display session. Citizen concerns raised during the meeting included the importance of protecting wetland habitats, encouraging increased property values without increasing development, and ensuring sufficient funds to complete the project. EPA will be providing scoping comments by July 21.

Patchogue Out-of-District Sewer Extension: We reviewed the FEMA/NYS Governor's Office of Storm Recovery's Environmental Assessment to extend the existing sewer system to approximately 648 homes now on septic systems. The wastewater will be sent to the existing Patchogue advance wastewater treatment facility, which has the capacity to incorporate the volume without an upgrade. We concurred with a finding of no significant impact, but has requested a copy of the General Conformity Applicability analysis when completed during the final design phase, and recommended that any vacant parcels in the floodplain area be left undeveloped as mitigation for future storms.

Commercial Wind Lease, NY: We reviewed the BOEM environmental assessment for the Commercial Wind Lease Issuance and Site Assessment Activities on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf Offshore New York. The EA only evaluated the environmental impacts of a successful bidder to evaluate the suitability of the NY wind energy area for a wind farm. These evaluations could include placing a meteorological tower, and benthic, sediment, current and wave studies. If the bidder determines that a wind farm is viable, BOEM and the bidder

will prepare an EIS for construction and operation of a wind farm. We concurred with a finding of no significant impact for preliminary study activities.

Recovery and Resiliency, General: We participated in a panel discussion hosted by the Regional Plan Association (RPA) on health and regional planning in the New York metropolitan region and beyond. The discussion focused on how better planning can influence health outcomes and the importance of multi-sector collaborations between health agencies, planning agencies, and others to optimize health outcomes in the region

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Potential or Expected Press Stories:

None

Contacts from Elected Officials:

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Freedom of Information Act Requests that the Regional Administrator should be aware of:

Hoosick Falls/Petersburgh. The Albany Times Union sent a new FOIA request to EPA on July 5th relating to Hoosick Falls and Petersburg, seeking, in particular, documents relating to Superfund listing.

Travel/Meetings/Speaking Engagements for Division Directors:

None

Upcoming Highlights for the Week:

None

Additional Items:

Amendments to the FOIA Statute. On June 30, 2016, President Obama signed into law the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016. The Act addresses a range of procedural issues, including requirements that agencies establish a minimum of 90 days for requesters to file an administrative appeal and that they provide dispute resolution services at various times throughout the FOIA process. The Act also codifies the Department of Justice's "foreseeable harm" standard, amends FOIA Exemption 5, creates a new "FOIA Council" and adds two new elements to agency Annual FOIA Reports. More information can be found at <https://www.justice.gov/oip/oip-summary-foia-improvement-act-2016>.

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Public Affairs Division Weekly Highlights

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Press Stories/Releases/Issues Anticipated:

- PAD is prepared to respond to any media inquiries related to an anticipated letter EPA should be receiving from Sen. Schumer's office re: radioactive sites in Niagara County, NY.
- PAD is working on a news release for the Total Petroleum Consent Decree. The CD is the result of Total Petroleum's (PR) violations of its NPDES stormwater permit, as well as an unpermitted stormwater discharge outfall. This may fall to the week of July 25
- PAD is finalizing an op-ed regarding nitrogen in Long Island's coastal waters. Will be pitching it to Newsday for next week.

Events in the works for next week:

Social Media:

- ✓ Retweeted NY Times article on Bronx River House at RA's request.

Contact with Elected Officials:

- PAD received a request and subsequently facilitated a conference call on July 13 regarding the South Jersey Ice and Cold Storage emergency response. OSC Neil Norrell and Elias Rodriguez briefed Richard Locklear, Special Projects Manager for Southern New Jersey of the Office of U.S. Senator Bob Menendez.
- PAD is working with ERRD on a potential July meeting with Councilman Brad Landers and representatives of the NYC Planning Commission to hear about the Councilman's "Bridging Gowanus" proposal.
- PAD continued to provide notifications to elected officials on Vineland South Jersey Ice and Cold Storage emergency response.
- PAD is working with Congressman Frelinghuysen's office on details of his annual Superfund site visit.
- As mentioned earlier, PAD will be working on a response to the Sen. Schumer letter we anticipate on getting.

International:

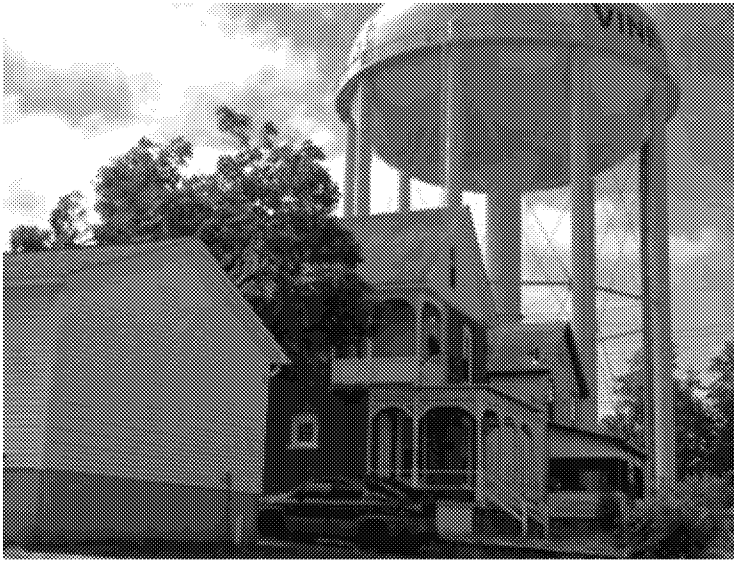
- ✓ PAD will deliver CAFTA-DR public participation workshop in Costa Rica funded by U.S. Department of State, July 24-26. Melissa Dimas and Wanda Ayala attending.
- ✓ PAD working with OITA on public participation workshop in Luanda, Angola for African Water Association, July 23-28.

FOIA Update:

- Brendan Lyons, Times Union re: Superfund in Hoosick Falls, NY (assignment stage)
- Hiram Torres, Puerto Rico Limpio re: RCRA Subtitle D permitting authority (final reply preparation)
- Althea Mullarkey, Scenic Hudson re: GE (interim release ready to go - after review)
- Dan Telvock, Investigative Post re: Niagara Falls Blvd. sites (interim release ready to go - after review)
- Christie Duffy, WPIX re: Passaic Valley Water Commission (partial denial preparation stage)

Travel/meetings/speaking engagements for Division Directors and Deputies:**Upcoming Highlights for the week:**

- At the South Jersey Ice and Cold Storage emergency response, PAD issued Community Update # 3 (in English and Spanish) dated July 12, 2016. It was provided to the City of Vineland for posting to the City's website consistent with the previous community updates. The update was also sent to elected officials and to our media list for the response. PAD continues to interface with relocated residents as well as with residents within the immediate neighborhood to keep the community informed. Of the five houses (seven families) that have been temporarily relocated all remain relocated with the exception of one family composed of six adults that have chosen to return to their house and plan to remain there unless EPA suggests that they relocate once the ammonia extraction begins. Detailed information is being provided to Vineland Fire Department for securing the homes while unoccupied.



- On July 13th, Natalie Loney and OSC Rosoff held a public availability session for residents potentially impacted by the Birchly Court Superfund removal action in Thorofare, New Jersey. Natalie will continue to support the outreach with residents throughout the investigation and cleanup of lead-contaminated soil.
- PAD is preparing for a public availability session in Edgewater, NJ on either August 2nd, 3rd, or 4th to update residents about work at the Quanta Superfund site.
- The Hudson River Field Office has developed a floodplain sampling fact sheet, an RI/FS fact sheet and a letter to residents and property owners about the Hudson River PCBs Superfund site for distribution to approximately 1500 residences in advance of RI/FS floodplain sampling scheduled to begin later this summer. The distribution will take place the week of July 18th.
- ✓ PAD and ERRD are continuing to have an on-site presence in Pompton Lakes, New Jersey to observe field activities and speak one-on-one with residents about the field work underway in support of the upcoming dredging of Pompton Lake.
- Cleanup work will begin at the Niagara Falls Boulevard radiation site and testing continues at the Trinity Cemetery radiation site, where fencing was erected. Outreach to concerned parties continues.
- PAD is preparing for Proposed Plan public meetings at the Vineland Chemical - Operable Unit 3 (late July), Former Kil-Tone Company (August 2nd public meeting), Standard Chlorine, Eighteen Mile Creek, Vestal 1-1, Onondaga Lake - Operable Unit 3, Unimatic and Kentucky Avenue Wellfield - Operable Unit 4 Superfund sites.

- PAD is preparing for the next Hudson River PCBs site Community Advisory Group meeting on July 21st. Agenda topics will include dredging project update, upcoming floodplains sampling work, lower Hudson River fish data and CAG assessment report out.
- From July 19 - 24, EPA will have a presence at the Saratoga County Fair to provide information to fairgoers about EPA's cleanup efforts at the Hudson River PCBs site and floodplains.

**Weekly Highlights - ERRD
EPA Region 2
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Potential or expected press stories

- Kentucky Avenue - Koppers Pond: The Proposed Plan for OU4 Koppers Pond may be released next week and generate some press. The plan calls for the capping of low level contamination in the pond and areas of the pond that have been exposed due to declining water levels. The release next week is dependent upon timely receipt of state concurrence. We received comments on the Proposed Plan from DEC and DOH and have responded to them. If we get timely state concurrence, we expect to open the comment period next week and hold a public meeting on July 27.
- Former Kil-Tone Company: OU1 Proposed Plan- The proposed plan was released on July 13, and the comment period will run until August 12. The public meeting will be held on August 2. An advertisement and news release was issued in both English and Spanish.
- South Jersey Ice Emergency Response: RPB is continuing to respond to the deteriorating ammonia refrigeration system at a cold storage warehouse in a residential neighborhood. The facility's deteriorating ammonia refrigeration system (circa 1922) potentially contains 4,500 lbs of anhydrous ammonia gas liquefied under pressure, and presents a serious threat to the surrounding neighborhood should the system fail. Many sections of the ammonia system and the building have been frozen over, making the response more challenging. Since June 28, 2016, EPA has been on site working to stabilize/secure the system against a release and provide real-time 24/7 community air monitoring for ammonia gas. Seven nearby residences have been relocated, though one has chosen to return. ERRS contractors have installed a scrubber system to protect it from a catastrophic release, though there are leaks in the system. Unified command has been established and EPA is currently planning for the removal of the ammonia and the decommissioning of the system. The owner is in the process of removing frozen fish product, from the facility before the ammonia removal begins. The product removal is expected to be completed early next week and will be prepared to start ammonia removal at about the same time. Ammonia removal is expected to take about a week.
- Birchly Court Removal Action - ERRD and PAD hosted an informal public availability session on 7/14/16. Senator Booker's office as reached out to the Region to assess the level of interest/concern from the community, and we are assisting in a response.

Contact from Elected Officials

Potential or expected policy issues

Freedom of Information Requests that the Regional Administrator should be aware of

Brendan Lyons of the Albany Times-Union is seeking Superfund-related records on Hoosick Falls. Specifically, the paper is seeking information related to our proposing it for listing on the NPL, and about our communications with NYSDEC and DOH on that topic.

Indian Nation Consultations Initiated:

Travel/meetings/speaking engagements for Division Directors

Upcoming Highlights for the week (please provide a bulleted list)

Additional Items (if any)

Passaic River/Newark Bay

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LPRSA RI/FS: ORC offered a meeting date of 7/20 in response to CPG'S request for a meeting with EPA management to discuss the path forward on the 17-mile RI/FS. CPG has not yet responded.

- BERA - In an email dated 7/7, RPM informed CPG they have 30 days to submit revised draft BERA. In reply, CPG informed EPA they do not intend to submit the BERA until October 1 and will be submitting a letter to request a meeting to discuss the topic of carp with M. Sivak and RPM.
- BHHRA - An internal conference call is scheduled 7/13 to go over the few remaining revisions. Comment compilation expected to circulate internally for review by week of 7/18.
- RI - EPA to provide comments to CPG on minutes for 6/16 comment review meeting. CPG indicated that they will discuss submission of response to comments after the 17-mile RI/FS path forward meeting.
 - Modeling Meetings - EPA and CPG met 6/28 and 6/29 to discuss RI modeling comments. Follow up items have been identified and schedule for follow up be identified after CPG's submission of modeling meeting minutes.
 - COPC Mapping - J. Kern has completed the alternative conditional simulation run. An internal follow up discussion to be scheduled for week of 7/11 with a focus on if another meeting with CPG will need to be scheduled.

RM 10.9: SPME samplers were deployed in early June. A mid-deployment check on 7/7 revealed that all SPME samplers were present. Samplers are to be retrieved early August.

Pierson's Creek:

- ORC has been in touch with HQs regarding the *bona fide* prospective purchaser status for 429 Delancy. ORC is currently drafting an AOC to perform an EE/CA for the eastern parcel. An SOW is under preparation.

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- CDM has been compiling and evaluating the existing data for all of the properties on and adjacent to Pierson's Creek. They presented their findings to EPA and DEP on 6/1. They are now preparing a workplan that will accompany a notice letter to the PRPs. The workplan is anticipated shortly.

Vieques/Culebra:

SWMU-1:

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calling DOI HQ to track this down.

- Draft Remedial Action Completion Report is undergoing review.

Site Management Plan: We reviewed the draft site management plan. Overall we had very few comments. Our comments were focused primarily on unexplained gaps in the projected schedule. We have requested that the Navy provide an explanation for these gaps. Depending on their response we may ask for revisions to the schedule.

UXO 18: Cayo La Chiva: The public comment period for the proposed plan opened on July 12. UXO 18 comprises the entire island of Cayo La Chiva. Although there is limited documentation of military exercises being conducted on the island during site investigation activities several munitions and explosives of concern were identified, both on land and in the water adjacent to the island. The preferred alternative identified in the plan includes: MEC removal and vegetation removal from areas identified by PRDNER for future recreational use, site restoration as needed, land use controls and monitoring and removal of MEC items, if any, identified during routine inspections.

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CEPD

Contact from Elected Officials:

Potential or expected policy issues: Letter to President Obama from various members of Congress (July 11, 2016) regarding Zika control through HR 897 (Zika Vector Control Act) and S. 1500 (Sensible Environmental Protection Act).

Potential or Expected Press Inquiries: Inquiries related to the Zika are expected. Inquiries for interviews with the new CEPD Director (El Nuevo Dia and Telemundo).

Freedom of Information Requests that the Regional Administrator should be aware of:

Travel/meetings/speaking engagements for Division Directors:

Upcoming Highlights for the week (please provide a bulleted list):

US DPW On-Site Review - An on-site review of the assistance agreement to the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works (DPW) Grant # C-78003201 (OSA and FY 10 Funds) will be performed on July 21 and 22, 2016. The purpose of the desk review is to perform a limited evaluation of the general financial and administrative systems at VIDPW. The desk review is not intended to be a substitute for a formal audit, but rather an instrument to help avoid or reduce potential negative audit findings, waste, or abuse of Federal funds. EPA will also visit the St. Thomas projects listed on the FY10 Intended Use Plan (Cancryn Pump Station Upgrades & Bordeaux WWTP Upgrades).

Additional Items (if any):

Total Petroleum Puerto Rico Corporation - CEPD and ORC are working with PAD in the preparation of a Press Release concerning the Total Petroleum Consent Decree, which is currently in the concurrence process.

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Zika - EPA Assistant Administrator, Jim Jones, requested a meeting on July 12, 2016 with OW, OPP and regional staff where aerial spraying is ongoing. The objective of the meeting was to ensure common understanding of the requirements as well as to discuss what actually happens on the ground. CEPD was asked to participate in this call to provide information on EPA's Pesticide General Permit applicability within Puerto Rico. This meeting was held in preparation to his appearance before Congress on Zika Virus Action.

Hormigas Groundwater Contamination Superfund Site, Caguas, PR - The proposed plan has been reviewed and approved by HQ. The Public Notice is scheduled to be published during the week of July 18, 2016 and the public meeting is scheduled for the week of August 1, 2016.

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Food Recovery Initiative: Met with MIDA (Chamber of Marketing, Industry and Food Distribution) to engage them in EPA's Food Recovery initiatives. Topics discussed include the federal enhanced tax incentives for food donation, the local Good Samaritan law and ways to estimate the amounts of food wasted by supermarkets and grocery stores, and opportunities for reducing garbage haulers fees. Evaluating the version of PS 1497 (Incentive for the efficient handling of excess food) to be reviewed by the House of Representatives.

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PRASA Revitalization Project - On July 13, 2016, the Governor of Puerto Rico signed the PRASA Revitalization Project. The new project provides PRASA with the opportunity to go to the bond market and become an independent sustainable agency. PRASA would be allowed to access \$900M in order to pay suppliers and continue the implementation of its Capital Improvement Program.

V.I. FY 10 Clean Water Act Construction Grants - VIDPW/VIWMA submitted a plan identifying needs to move around funds for completion of ongoing projects. The plan was tentatively approved by EPA pending construction documents required for each project. VIDPW and VIWMA agreed to submit the documents by the end of the week. EPA will send a letter approving the plan and changes to the work plan. Note the submitted plan is very ambitious; however, EPA encouraged them to continue pushing to meet the deadline to avoid losing funds (up to \$5M).

Enforcement Confidential

Weekly Highlights DECA 7/14/16

Potential or expected press stories:

None.

Freedom of Information Requests that the Regional Administrator should be aware of: None.

Travel/meetings/speaking engagements for Division Directors:

None.

Weekly Items: ("◆" indicates that item can be shared with the whole Region)

New York City Satisfies all Requirements of EPA SDWA AO: In August 2007, Region 2 and The City of New York entered into an Administrative Order on Consent to establish a schedule for the City to design, construct and operate a UV plant to achieve compliance with the LT2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule's requirement that all unfiltered surface water systems install treatment for cryptosporidium. The City required additional time beyond what was allowed by the rule. The City has had the UV plant operational since December 2012 and has been working on finalizing validation of the units and operational parameters which was needed to receive final completed works from NYSDOH. On June 13, 2016, NYCDEP requested termination of the AOC and certified they complied with all provisions of the AO on Consent, maintained compliance for one year and received the final completed works approval from NYSDOH. DECA issued a termination letter on July 7th. The Cat/Del UV plant is the largest UV plant in the world.

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◆ **Meeting with Moving Forward Network:** Region 2 will hold our second quarterly meeting with the NY-NJ Moving Forward Network (MFN) on July 28th in Edison, NJ. Per their request in December 2015, Region 2 committed to meet with the MFN on a quarterly basis to discuss and brainstorm ideas to reduce emissions at the

Port of Newark, as part of the MFN's national Zero Emissions Campaign. At our first quarterly meeting on April 5th, EPA and MFN discussed how/if MFN could access Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) data, how to bring better emission control technology to the Port, and EPA's regulatory authority related to State Implementation Plans (SIPs) and air monitors. Since the April 5th meeting the PANYNJ shared on their website two items the NY-NJ MFN requested: a report detailing drayage truck model years and visit frequency at the port, and a Newark Regional truck study. Potential agenda topics for the July 28th meeting include Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) grants and Gina McCarthy's Interagency Working Group on EJ's Goods Movement Committee

◆ **Meeting in Albany with South End Residents:** The RA, EJ Coordinator and ERRD will meet with community leaders and residents in Albany, NY on August 17th to discuss oil trains and other environmental and health concerns, as well as Regional emergency planning and environmental justice issues. The Region has also invited the Federal Railway Administration and NYSDEC to attend. The EJ Coordinator is the point of contact for Region 2 in organizing and preparing for this meeting.

◆ **Climate Adaptation for Coastal Communities Training:** The EJ Coordinator attended a NOAA training at EPA Region 3 this week on Climate Adaptation for Coastal Communities. The training included sessions on adaptation strategies, vulnerability assessments and climate change communication.

◆ **Zika Update:**

USVI: VIDOH has not yet posted its report for this week. The 7/5/16 Zika Weekly Surveillance Report from the Department of Health shows 32 confirmed cases in the Virgin Islands, an increase of 3 from the previous week.

PR: PRDOH has not yet posted its report for this week. The latest report available (7/7/16) shows 3091 confirmed cases, an increase of **714** from the previous week. This is the largest weekly increase yet. Of the confirmed cases, there have been 51 hospitalizations, 476 pregnancies, 17 Guillain-Barre and 1 microcephaly cases being tracked, and one reported death.

NYC: As of 7/13/16, the NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene reported 310 cases of Zika in New York City, an increase of 26 from the previous week. 36 of the 310 cases were pregnant at the time of diagnosis. All cases are travel related. Of the confirmed cases, 2 cases were sexually transmitted.

NJ: As of 7/12/16, there are 54 travel related cases being tracked, an increase of 5 from the previous week.

New Jersey County	Confirmed Travel-Related Cases
Bergen	12
Passaic	10
Middlesex	5
Burlington	5
Union	5
Essex	4
Camden	3
Hudson	3
Morris	3
Monmouth	2
Mercer	1

Hunterdon	1
TOTAL	54

NY: NYS has begun reporting weekly Zika cases. As of 7/13/16, there are 86 travel related cases being tracked. 2 pregnant women with laboratory evidence of possible Zika virus infection were being tracked.